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C.A.T.U.G. CLUB OFFICERS

Here is the list of 1994 club officers and how to contact them. The club has two strong SIGS, SPECTRUM/TS2068 and QL. If you have questions about either of these fine machines, or even the ZX81/TS1000/TS1500, call one of the officers. C=312, S=708.

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We encourage your user group to copy this newsletter and distribute it at your regular meetings to your members free of any charge as we believe that this will encourage better meeting attendance. If you are a user group that feels as we do, please let us know in your newsletter so that we might do this for our members and keep our attendance up.

Articles originating from our group may be downloaded from our BBS and reprinted.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS ISSUE

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CLUB MEETINGS

The Chicago Area Timex Users Group meets on the THIRD Saturday of each month at the home of our meeting coordinator Steve Cooper in Downers Grove,

Illinois from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Steve's home is lovingly called the CLUB HOUSE and is located at 1300 Maple Street in Downers Grove just 2 blocks southwest of the Downers Grove Public Library. Steve should always be contacted evenings at 708/968-3553 to confirm the meeting schedule.

TREASURY NOTES

The balance as of July 1, 1994 is \$364.43 Our current paid membership stands at 19.

Frank Mills, Treasurer
Chicago Area Timex Users Group

SECRETARY'S NotePad

May 28, 1994

Meeting began at approximately 2:00 P.M.

Members present: Bob Swoger, Jeff Decourtney, Larry Sauter, Steve Cooper, Nazir Pashtoon, Abed Kahale, Frank Mills, and John Donaldson.

The newsletter will be shipped in July barring any unforeseen occurrences.

Abed and Bob have not had too much time because of Bob's work constraints to discuss the new policy about T/SNUG.

John Donaldson has received the QL public domain library from Paul Holmgren in the form of zipped files and John hasn't unzipped them as of yet, but from what he has seen it looks like communication software.

Bob's wife got IBM 286 AT computer and the pig (as Bob calls it) still doesn't work as yet. At the CoCoFest Bob won a Monitor and keyboard and 2400 baud modem. He also purchased bought a 70 Meg hard drive for \$60 and Epson printer for \$20. When he gets it going, his wife should be pleased!

Les Cottrell bread boarded the LarKen using Larry Kenny's parts and it works but when he put regular parts on the board it wouldn't work. Nazir brought out the fact that he was wondering if it would be possible to make a LarKen disc drive interface on only one board making it more compact and less cumbersome. Bob brought out that having the operating system operate on the dock port makes Larry's system usable on other disc drive interfaces that are not being supported as of this writing. The advantages are the extended DOS language, sequential files, and a real merge.

Toronto newsletter has gone heavily QL and Bob is getting ready to submit some articles on the TS2068 so it will be more balanced. George Chambers has bought an MS DOS 486 machine 8k RAM 340 Meg hard drive two floppies and a modem and he has been having a lot of fun with it including writing the letter that John was reading from. He wrote about a member coming to the meeting with news about Sir Clive coming out with a new Microprocessor that is faster than the Pentium and only will cost \$25. It sounds like an April fools joke. We will see.

Update magazine's Frank Davis is requesting encouragement to get some idea about how many people want him to continue publishing the magazine.

Al Boehm wrote an article about networking QL computers and teaching his grand children how to word process and becoming computer literate and it is a good reason for sticking together and use our computers to their optimum.

Nazir went to a store in Niles that had a lot of secondhand Apple computers that were going for the unheard price of \$545 and Bob asked if they had any Sinclairs in the store and he

said nobody wanted the Apples, did they.

It appears that AMIGA and Commodore is in the process of going under. Television stations and movie studios use AMIGAs to process images for viewers. Bad management seems to be the reason.

Bob is going to write an article for Update about not using state SAVEs of programs because you miss so much of the entertainment qualities of the program such as the music and the pictures etc.

June 11, 1994

Meeting began at approximately 2:24 P. M. Members present: Bob Swoger, Larry Sauter, Steve Cooper, Nazir Pashtoon, Abed Kahale, Frank Mills, Cy Herre and Philip Kwitkowski.

Nazir fixed one of Jim Brezina's computers and proposed that it be kept as a spare in case one of the members either in town or out of town, has a break down and needs a computer to use while the out of order unit is being repaired. A vote was taken and was passed in favor of setting Jim's computer aside as a spare.

Newsletters containing Jimmy's articles were sent to his nieces to show some of Jimmy's contributions in the Chicago Area Timex Users Group.

Bob talked to Frank Davis and the pulse was felt in Indiana about continuing the Update magazine and Frank was told that Jim's equipment was given to two new users and that meant two new customers. Frank would like us to shake the bushes to roundup at least 25 new subscribers to the newsletter.

Larry Sauter, Acting Secretary
Chicago Area Timex Users Group

From the EDITOR'S Disk

Sorry for the lateness of the NTN, folks. A battle (which we lost) with the Park District has occupied all my spare time. I hope to be back on schedule soon. Thanks one and all for keeping those newsletters coming in to us. We will catch up soon, I hope.

Bob Swoger, Editor
Chicago Area Timex Users Group

GATOR's TWISTED PAIR

!!!! REMEMBER !!!!
We have a 24 hour BBS and encourage you to exchange mail and contribute to the Download Section. Use it and have fun!

Call the BBS at 708-632-5558 and register. On your next call your security level will be increased to 5 on this RBBS and you will be able to have most privileges.

Bob Swoger, SYSop
Chicago Area Timex Users Group

ITEMS FOR SALE THROUGH THE CLUB

It has come to our attention that some LarKen Users are using something less than Version 3 firmware. The club will supply updated EPROMS, SYSTEM DISKS, and MANUALS for just \$5 which includes shipping and handling, free if ordered with LogiCall or Spectrum ROM.

SPECIAL DEALS AND BUYS

NAP_Ware (Nazir A. Pashtoon's new endeavor) announces the availability of all Timex or QL PAL (Programmable Array Logic) chips. If interested, call him evenings on 708-439-1679.

So you like to fly? The 747 Flight Simulator for Spectrum by Derek Ashton of DACC sold over 40K copies in EUROPE. Requires Spectrum Emulator. At this time supplied on LarKen

SSDD disk only for \$10 which goes to Derek Ashton, now working at MOTOROLA with Bob Swoger. Call in requests to Bob at W708-576-8068 H708-837-7957

ARTICLES

MOVING PROGRAMS FROM TAPE TO DISK USING NMI

by Bob Swoger

I have noted how other NMI SAVE users have transferred programs from tape to disk using the NMI save button. So much of the program is being lost! We paid good money for those programs. Developers spent considerable time putting those programs together. They spent time making startup screens and musical menus we would enjoy while waiting for the lengthy process of a tape load. Sometimes those screens and the music were neater than the programs themselves! They gave instructions ahead of the programs to inform us as to how the programs were to work.

Saving those programs to disk with a straight NMI save after the program begins to run is a travesty. We lose all that good programming work needlessly.

Let me now tell you how I go about making myself a disk program out of a Tape program.

1.) SCAN all the written documentation and store it as a TASWORD 2 file.

2.) NMI save the Startup screen.

3.) NMI save the instructions and startup menus if separate from the main running program.

4.) NMI SAVE the main program at precisely the point it begins to run.

5.) Rename the NMI SAVES to more appropriate names for the BASIC driver in the next step.

6.) MERGE the BASIC driver program and re write it to put all the files together.

On a program called Knight Lore, a Spectrum game, I caused the DOCs to come up on the screen just after the startup screen using a GOTHIC font with colors to add to the pleasure of the game. Below is the driver I wrote which included the font in the 0 REM line!

```
0 REM put your font code here
3 GO TO 300
7 INK 0: PAPER 0: BORDER 0:
CLS : RANDOMIZE USR 100: LOAD
"knight.C$"SCREEN$ : GO SUB 980:
GO SUB 100
10 BEEP .1,1: BEEP .1,2: BEEP
.1,3: BEEP .1,4: BEEP .1,5:
PAPER 0: BORDER 0: INK 7: BRIGHT
1: CLS : PRINT BRIGHT 1; INK
7;AT 9,5;"LOADING: KNIGHT LORE
";AT 12,10;"PLEASE WAIT"
20 POKE (PEEK 23641+256*PEEK
23642),PEEK 23649: POKE (PEEK
23641+256*PEEK 23642)+1,PEEK
23650
30 POKE (PEEK 23633+256*PEEK
23634),PEEK 23647: POKE (PEEK
23633+256*PEEK 23634)+1,PEEK
23648
40 POKE 23662,PEEK 23618: POKE
23663,PEEK 23619: POKE
23664,PEEK 23621
80 REM LOAD "P.B1"
90 RANDOMIZE USR 100: LOAD
"knight.C1"CODE
110 CLS : PRINT AT 0,0;"      K
N I G H T   L O R E
CONTROLLING YOUR ADVENTURER"
120 PRINT ""      KEYBOARD
CONTROLS""LEFT Your
Adventurer
will turn left using the Z C B
and M keys."
130 PRINT "RIGHT Your
Adventurer will turn right using
the X V
N or S Shft."
140 PRINT "MOVE FORWARD Your
Adventurer will move forward
using any key on the second row,
A S D F etc."
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150 PRINT "JUMP Your
Adventurer will jump using any key
on the

third row, Q W E R etc."

160 PRINT "PICK UP/DROP Your
Adventurer can pick up or
drop an object using the 1-0
keys."

170 PRINT "PAUSE The whole
game can be paused by using the
Caps Shift or Space/Break keys."

190 GO SUB 980

210 PRINT AT 4,0;"JOYSTICK CONTROLS""Your
Adventurer

can be fully controlled by
using the KEMPSTON INTERFACE,
CURSOR CONTROLLED INTERFACE or
the SINCLAIR INTER-FACE II and
joystick, by re-placing the
LEFT, RIGHT, FORWARD JUMP and PICK
UP/DROP commands.

220 PRINT "When using the
KEMPSTON INTER-FACE and
DIRECTIONAL
CONTROL the letter keys provide
the PICK UP/DROP command.

230 FOR I=18 TO 21: PRINT AT
I,0;"

": NEXT I

240 GO SUB 980

245 POKE 23606,PEEK 23635+6:
POKE 23607,PEEK 23636-1

250 PRINT AT 0,0;" THE
WEREWOLF

260 PRINT AT 2,0;"My journey's
end is near; as the last few ebbs
of daylight dance fleetingly in
the cooling twi-light, then
suddenly dart off to chase the
red sinking sun.

270 PRINT "Behind me I feel
night's dark icy fingers
slither up long looming
shadows, hiding behind large
mounds

and boulders, watching my
every move . . . silently
waiting . . .

280 PRINT "For days I have
journeyed from the realms of
the
jungle wulf to 'KNIGHT LORE'
castle to seek the old dying
wizard
and ask for his help to free
me from this deathly

curse . . ."

290 GO SUB 980

320 PRINT AT 2,0;" For
countless nights I have slept
chained

to trees to keep my deathly
curse at bay, but now I am
here . . .
"

330 PRINT " My footsteps
echo around the damp mossy
walls of

the large chamber, as I enter
through the open main
gateway, colossal doors judder
open in an untouched groaning
symphony, beckoning me
forward on my quest.
"

340 PRINT " I sense the old
wizard's gaze playing upon
me,
encapsulated within the
labyrinth of traps and tests,
to keep
out all but the most persistent
of unwanted guests who seek an
audience with the great
wizard MELKHIOR. "

390 GO SUB 980

430 PRINT AT 2,0;" Suddenly a
cool blue mist starts to ebb
forth
from the cracks in the ancient
stone-work. As it does so it
begins to take form and
becomes a powerful
swimming swirling
vortex of energy.
"

440 PRINT " Over all of the
noise can be heard the chanting
and singing of long forgotten
tunes, all sung in a blur of
forgetfulness."

450 FOR I=13 TO 21: PRINT AT
I,0;"

": NEXT I

490 GO SUB 980

510 PRINT AT 0,0;" THE
MIST TUNES
"

530 PRINT AT 4,0;" THE WIZARD'S
OLDER NOW THAN ALL, HIS HELP YOU
SEEK WITHIN THIS WALL. FOR
FORTY DAYS YOUR QUEST MAY
LAST,
LOCATE THE POTION, MAKE IT
FAST!
"

540 PRINT " THIS HIDEOUS
SPELL UPON YOURSOUL, TO LOSE
ITS

HOLD MUSTBE YOUR GOAL.

BEWARE, THE
TRAPS FROM HEREBEGIN, THE
CAULDRON

TELLS WHATMUST GO IN TO
BREAK THE CURSE AND MAKE THE
SPELL

TO SAVEYOURSELF AND MAKE
YOU WELL."

590 GO SUB 980

620 PRINT AT 0,0;"
THE WEREWULF
"

630 PRINT AT 2,0;" The mist
suddenly ceases its action and
dissipates as quickly as it
came. I drop to the floor and
with
full knowledge of the old
wizard I begin my quest.
"

640 PRINT " Dimly lit
torches light the massive
stone walls,
their tired flickering flames
never seeming to penetrate the
inky darkness for more than a
few feet . . .
"

650 PRINT " Crystalline
Merkyls, hideous Hobgoblins,
stand
frozen on huge monoliths,
glittering in the cool
trembling
moonlight. Encapsulated by
the old wizard long ago, they
await their fate in an un-ending
task of defence, silently and
stoney.
"

690 GO SUB 980

730 PRINT AT 2,0;" This is
their everlasting fate as
guardians
of 'KNIGHT LORE' castle,
until the ultimate death of the
old
sorcerer . . .
"

740 PRINT " The moon has risen
quickly and in the fullness of
its cool bluelight, I become a
Werewolf . . .
"

750 PRINT " My fate is now
all too clear, I have but forty
days and forty nights to find
the old wizard and seek his

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help and magicalinstruction,
before my tormented soul becomes
forever . . . . . a
werewulf ! ! !
780 FOR I=18 TO 21: PRINT AT
I,0;""
": NEXT I
790 INPUT INK 6;" Press
ENTER to CONTINUE "; LINE A$
910 RETURN
980 INPUT INK 6;" Press
ENTER to CONTINUE "; LINE A$
990 BEEP .1,1: BEEP .1,2: BEEP
.1,3: BEEP .1,4: BEEP .1,5:
PAPER 0: BORDER 0: INK 0:
BRIGHT 1: RETURN
9989 STOP
9992 RANDOMIZE USR 100: SAVE -
"KNIGHT.B1" LINE 7
9998 POKE 23606,0: POKE
23607,60
9999 RANDOMIZE USR 100: LOAD
"L.B1"

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This program can be downloaded from the CATUG - T/SNUG BBS.

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are supposed to be covered for
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Both these machines are surplus
to my needs as I own two other
512K CoCos.

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--==GATOR==--